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b7c enclosed are amended pages 2 & 3 of report of SA [redacted] dated 9/7/61 captioned Paul Leroy Robeson, 15-C

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Office *NEW YORK*

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Nov. 4, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Director - F.B.I.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been meaning to write this letter for sometime, however, for one reason or another I've put it off. Tonight after spending an hour or so looking up old newspapers I've finally got around to it.

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The other two are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The reason for this is their actions and type of methods they use [REDACTED]. It's a disgrace.

I'm sorry if I've rambled on but I get disgusted with myself and my fellow citizens who permitted people such as these to get in office. You have my very best regards and that of every member of my family. I will say this that John Crosby can go plum to hell and the faster he and the rest of his ilk go the better off this country will be.

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Respectfully Yours [REDACTED] 100-12304-640

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Nov. 4, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Director - F.B.I.
Washington 25, D.C.

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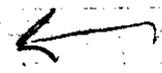
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Respectfully Yours

[Redacted signature]



1 - Mr. Gurley

November 9, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated November 4, 1961, and your interest in furnishing me your observations is appreciated.

I am enclosing three items of literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Kenneth J. Turner

ATTENTION SAC, NEW YORK:

There are enclosed two copies of a letter from correspondent. You should make an appropriate check of the files of your office concerning the individuals mentioned therein and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions pertaining to security investigations of individuals.

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent or the individuals mentioned by him, except Robeson.

Paul Robeson is on the Security Index of your office. (100-12304)

You are aware of the identity of the publications "The Nation," "The New Republic," and "The Reporter." The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent.

1. Director's statement re Internal Security 4-17-61
2. "The Communist Party Line"
3. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

"The Nation" has not been investigated by the Bureau but in the past has carried articles extremely critical of the FBI. (61-901) "The New Republic" is self-described as an "outstanding liberal magazine belonging to no party." This publication has been on the Bureau's "Do Not Contact List" since 1950 because a former editor accused FBI Agents of asking individuals whether or not they read "The New Republic." "The Reporter" has been characterized as a "liberal" fortnightly magazine. In the past it has published articles critical of the Bureau. (100-364570)

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated **12-30-91**
11/16/60, at New York.

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Subject's husband, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a Key Figure of the NYO, NY file 100-25857, Bufile 100-12304.

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Approved _____ Special Agent in Charge

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1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because (state reason) _____
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8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) her residence in England.

9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

maintains her association with Communist front organizations and pro-Communist articles written under her name have appeared in "The Worker".

11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: [REDACTED]
Date:

November 14, 1961

Office: NEW YORK

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Field Office File No.: 100-56680

Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

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Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

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Letterhead of National Council of American
Soviet Friendship under caption "Board of
Directors", contained name ESLANDA GOODE
ROBESON.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

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It is noted that on July 22, 1960, the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that PAUL ROBESON when applying for a renewal of his passport, gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

[REDACTED]

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST (CP) MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

[REDACTED]

The letterhead of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship

[REDACTED] reflects the following name under the caption, "Board of Directors", ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON.

The National Council of Soviet-American Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"Freedomways" is characterized in the Appendix Section of this report.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, Albany, New York, reflect that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961. u

The first issue of "Freedomways," spring, 1961, is self-described as a quarterly review of the Negro freedom movement published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. u

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
November 14, 1961

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Title Eslanda Cordozo Robeson

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to report of
Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned
as above at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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[redacted] and [redacted] were in a position to furnish
reliable information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 18, 1962

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-20616) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ESLANDE GOODE ROBESON
SM - C

ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

OO: New York

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Re Bureau letter, 11/3/61, to Cleveland under caption of [REDACTED]

Congressional Information Exempt from disclosure

[REDACTED]

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A review of ROBESON's file in the Cleveland Office reflects no information not previously furnished to the Bureau or office of origin. It is noted that the only information [REDACTED] which appears in ROBESON's Cleveland file is the report on October 2, 1951, identifying the subject as a member of the "Sojourners For Truth and Justice" and as a member of the "initiating committee" of this organization.

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The Bureau has instructed that all information concerning persons [REDACTED] which has not been previously furnished to the Bureau, should be immediately submitted for the Bureau's consideration. The New York Office is therefore requested to review its file on ESLANDE GOODE ROBESON and submit to the Bureau any information contained therein which is not currently in the Bureau's possession.

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The New York Office is requested to review their file on the subject and forward any pertinent information not in the Bureau's possession.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/22/62

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-18733) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Bureau letter, November 3, 1961, captioned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] instructed Washington Field
Office to furnish to Cleveland [REDACTED]

Washington Field letter, November 15, 1961, enclosed
for Cleveland a photostat of [REDACTED]

Referenced Bureau letter states:

"The Cleveland Office should thoroughly review [REDACTED] upon receipt and advise the Bureau of all persons mentioned and their subversive activities unless such information is currently in the Bureau's possession. In the event the subjects reside in territory of other Field Offices, those Field Offices should be instructed by Cleveland Office to furnish Bureau any pertinent information which is not in the possession of the Bureau."

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- 2 - Cleveland [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
~~(100-399388)~~

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) (P)
 (100-56680) (C)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
 IS-C
 (OO: NY)

ESLANDA ROBESON
 SM-C
 (OO: NY)

DATE: 2/8/62

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 1/18/62, captioned "ESLANDE GOODE ROBESON, SM-C" and Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 1/22/62, captioned "PAUL ROBESON, IS-C".

Referenced letters concerned information furnished by [redacted] which included information concerning subjects. Bureau is in possession of all information concerning ESLANDA ROBESON as annual report was submitted on her on 11/14/61. A semi-annual report will be submitted in March, 1962, on PAUL ROBESON.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: February 13, 1962

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Rachner

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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We will continue to follow Robeson's activities closely, it being apparent that the communists would exploit the passing of Robeson, as they have exploited his day-to-day activities, to propagandize on behalf of the international communist movement. The Department, State and Central Intelligence Agency have been kept currently advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2-20-62

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (105-720) (PUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Enclosed are one copies of the following regarding subject:

Letterhead Memorandum dated _____

Communication dated 12-20-61

This information was received by Legal Attache 1-8-62 (date)

Source agency in letterhead memorandum or originator of communication is:



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Office of Special Investigations (OSI), U. S. Air Force Europe

66th Military Intelligence Group

513th Military Intelligence Group

Other: Intelligence Division, US Army Europe

Enclosed is classified conf.

By source. See Remarks:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
March 6, 1962

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NY 100-25857

Title Paul Leroy Robeson

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b7C

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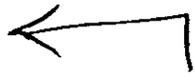
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| TITLE OF CASE PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka | | Report made by [REDACTED] | Typed By lbb |
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure of the NYO.

Subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, NY file 100-56680, Bufile 100-12304, is carried on the SI of the NYO.

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LEADS:

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At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the US.
2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return.

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NY 100-25857

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1. Subject's name is included in ~~SECRET~~ Security Index.
 2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
 3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
 5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
 6. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
 7. This report is classified "~~SECRET~~" because (state reason) _____

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 8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____ he is not residing in the US.
 9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
 10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____
 ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He had publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960-1961.
 11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Office: New York, New York

Date:

3/6/62

Field Office File No.:

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PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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1 - Mr. Rachner

April 16, 1962

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TO: LEGAL ATTACHE, LONDON (100-1666)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) - 651

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PAUL LEROY ROBESON, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH C.

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Cablegram to London
Re: Paul Leroy Robeson
100-12304

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is key figure New York Office. He is Negro covert singer who has long been outspoken in praise of Russia. Since mid-1958, he has been traveling in Europe and Russia.

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Sent via State Department channels at no cost to Bureau.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 17, 1962

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rachner
- 1 - Mr. Glascock

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Robeson, internationally known concert singer and apologist for USSR who has an extensive history of participation, sponsorship, and influence in national and international communist affairs, left the United States in 1958 and has since maintained residence in London with substantial periods spent in the USSR. He is key figure of the New York Office and his name is in Security Index.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : *WJB* Legat, London (P)
SUBJECT:

DATE: May 29, 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
(Bufile 100-12304)
(London file 100-1182)

ESLANDA ROBESON
SM - C
(Bufile 100-399388)
(London file 100-1666)

OO: New York

Remylet 3/27/62.

There are enclosed the original and seven copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subjects made available by [redacted] Passport Section, American Embassy, London.

As subjects are currently residing in England, these cases are being maintained in a pending status to be followed with sources of this office.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 1 - Liaison Section (Sent direct) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - London (100-1182)
- 1 - London (100-1666)

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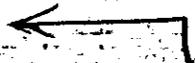
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 31, 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
ESLANDA ROBESON



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On May 25, 1962, [redacted] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, subject ESLANDA ROBESON arrived at the American Embassy requesting a renewal of her U.S. Passport. At that time she also made an appointment for her husband, PAUL ROBESON, to come to the Embassy and this appointment was made for May 25.

[redacted] advised that both passports were renewed in July, 1960, for two years and would need to be reissued in July, 1962. This was the reason prompting the appearance of subjects at the Embassy.

PAUL ROBESON appeared with his wife at the Embassy on May 25 and [redacted] spoke briefly with him. She stated he appeared to be a very frail and subdued old man. ESLANDA ROBESON advised [redacted] that her husband continues to be hospitalized in a nursing home on the outskirts of London but is allowed to come in for weekends. She stated they have no travel plans at the moment and cannot make any travel plans until he is released from the hospital.

[redacted] said the subjects' applications for passport facilities, by Department of State ruling, have to be referred to the Department for approval and she will advise further if and when this approval is received.

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1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Rachner

SAC, New York (100-25857)
(100-56680)

July 25, 1962

Director, FBI (100-12304)
(100-399388)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ESLANDA ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re London letter and memorandum, both dated 5-29-62, which advised that the passport renewal requests of subjects filed with U. S. Embassy, London, had been referred to Department of State for approval.

Department of State has advised that passport will be issued Eslanda Robeson inasmuch as she signed affidavit indicating she had never been member of Communist Party or other subversive group. No mention was made of any issuance of passport to Paul Robeson.

Washington Field Office promptly review passport records for complete information concerning subjects' passport renewal applications. Submit results in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

New York office thoroughly analyze all available information concerning subjects to determine whether a possible violation of passport sanction provisions of Internal Security Act of 1950 by either subject exists. If possible violation exists, handle pursuant to SAC Letters 61-61 and 62-29 and Bureau letter to all offices dated 6-14-62 relating to passport violations under the Internal Security Act of 1950. Advise Bureau of results of your review.

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Subjects in Security Index. Have resided abroad since

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (P)

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DATE: July 30, 1962

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
(Bufile 100-12304)
(London file 100-1182)

ESLANDA ROBESON
SM - C
(Bufile 100-399388)
(London file 100-1666)

OO: New York

Remylet dated March 27, 1962. (u)



These cases are being maintained in a pending status to be followed with sources of this office. (u)

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- 1 London (100-1182)
- 1 London (100-1666)

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
July 30, 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON;
ESLANDA ROBESON

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, WFO

DATE: 8/3/62

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON^①
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(Bufile 100-12304)
(NYfile 100-25857)
(WFOfile 100-19021) (P)

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ESLANDA ROBESON^②
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(Bufile 100-399388)
(NYfile 100-56680)
(WFOfile 100-41052) (P)

ReBulet to New York dated 7/25/62.

On 7/31/62, [redacted] Security Section, Legal Division, Passport Office, advised IC [redacted] that PAUL LEROY ROBESON has been requested to furnish an affidavit concerning Communist Party membership on his part, and that as of 7/31/62, ROBESON had not furnished such an affidavit. His application for renewal of his passport is being held in a pending status and no further action has been taken.

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IC [redacted] was also advised on 7/31/62, that the passport file for ESLANDA ROBESON was not yet available for review.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
(100-399388)

DATE: AUG 10 1962

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)
(100-56680)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ESLANDA ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReBulet to NY dated July 25, 1962.

Relet requested analysis of subject's files to determine whether possible violation of passport sanction provisions of Internal Security Act of 1950 by either subject, exists.

The Department has advised in previous correspondence relating to passport sanctions, that in order to establish a violation under Section 6(a) (1) or (2) of this act, "it would be essential for the Government to prove Communist Party membership during the approximate period of the particular act involved, that is, the act of making application for a passport or the renewal of a passport or the act of using or attempting to use the passport".

PAUL ROBESON and his wife, ESLANDA, have been in Europe and on concert tours abroad since approximately July, 1958. There is no information in the subject's files which indicates any present membership or continuation of past membership in the CP. Information in the file reflects that the CP of Great Britain had decided when the ROBESONS arrived there, that they should avoid becoming involved in any open CP activity and that they would not be asked to do anything on behalf of the Communist organization nor would they arrange any Party sponsored events for them.

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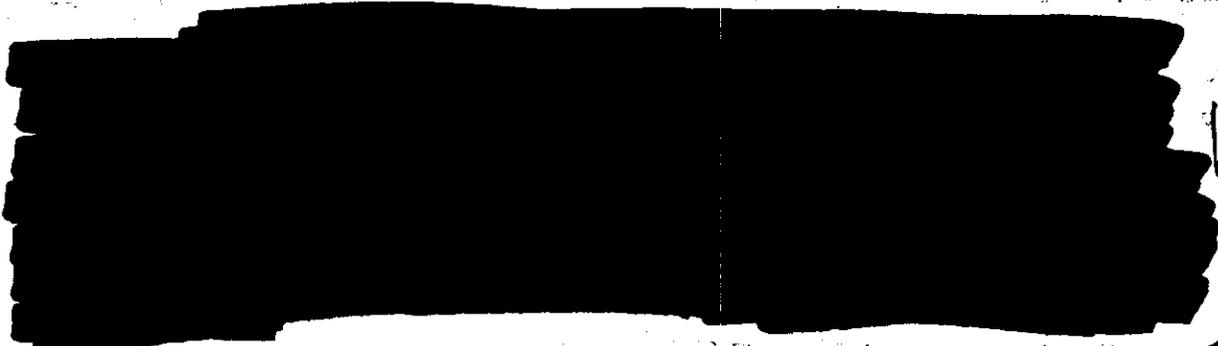
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The Department has also advised that it would be helpful if the government could establish that the subject had actual knowledge of the prohibitions of Section 6 of the ISA - 1950, concerning the application for a passport or the use of a passport and that he had actual knowledge that the section proscribed such use.



Since there is no evidence of present or recent CP membership on the part of subjects in view of the Department's interpretation of the passport sanction violation, it is not believed that a possible violation of the passport sanction exists on the part of subjects.

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TO :
FROM :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/24/62

SAC, WFO

SUBJECT:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON⁽¹⁾
IS - C
(Bufile 100-12304)
(NY file 100-25857)
(WFO 100-19021) P.
(OO:NY)

ESLANDA⁽¹⁾ ROBESON
SM - C
(Bufile 100-399388)
(NY file 100-56680)
(WFO 100-41052) P.
(OO:NY)

ReBulet to NY dated 7/25/62.

There are forwarded herewith eight copies of a LHM to the Bureau and two copies to NY setting forth the results of a review of subject's passport files by S [redacted]

Copies were made of the passport photographs of the subjects which will be forwarded to NY by routing slip at a later date.

WFO will determine the passport number of each subject and advise Bureau and NY by separate communication.

The LHM is classified "Secret" since the information contained therein was taken from State Department files which are also secret.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AUG 24 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
ESLANDA ROBESON

The file for Paul Leroy Robeson was reviewed on August 7, 1962 and was found to contain the following:

On May 25, 1962 at London, England, Robeson made an application for a passport. In this application he stated he had previously been issued Passport Number 1145187 on June 25, 1958 at Washington, D. C., and this passport had been renewed in London, England, on June 26, 1960. He stated he was born April 9, 1898 at Princeton, New Jersey and was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. His parents were listed as William D. Robeson, born in North Carolina and Maria Louisa Bustill, born in Pennsylvania. He was last married on August 17, 1921 to Eslanda Goode Robeson who was born December 15, 1896 at Washington, D. C. In his application Robeson stated he intended to remain abroad indefinitely but had no plans to travel outside of England because of his poor health. In connection with his passport application Robeson submitted a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

"I, Paul Leroy Robeson, am not now a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, and that I have not been a member at any time during the twelve(12) months preceeding May 25, 1962, the date of my application for a passport."

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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DATE 8-9-62

The following descriptive data appeared in Robeson's passport file:

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| Height: | 6'2" |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Hair: | Black-grey |
| Marks: | None |
| Occupation: | Singer and actor |

By Operations Memorandum dated August 7, 1962 the State Department authorized the American Embassy in London, England to issue a passport to Robeson.

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RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON; ESLANDA ROBESON

The passport file for Eslanda Goode Robeson was also reviewed on August 7, 1962 and was found to contain the followings:

Mrs. Robeson made application for a passport at London, England, on May 15, 1962. In this application she stated she had previously been issued passport number 1104293 at New York City on July 7, 1958 which passport was renewed at London, England on May 17, 1960. She stated she was born December 15, 1896 at Washington, D. C. She stated she was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. She listed her parents as John Jacob Goode born in Illinois and Eslanda Cardoza Goode born in South Carolina, both deceased.

Mrs. Robeson stated she had no plans to travel outside of England but intended to remain abroad indefinitely.

In connection with her passport application, Mrs. Robeson furnished a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

"Referring to the letter from the American Embassy of July 10, 1962 I hereby state categorically and without any reservations whatsoever, that I am not now, and have never been, in all my life, a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, or in any other country. NEVER!"

The following descriptive data appeared in Mrs. Robeson's passport file:

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| Height: | 5'3" |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Hair: | Black-grey |
| Marks: | None |
| Occupation: | Writer |

In connection with the passport applications of Mr. and Mrs. Robeson and at the request of the American Embassy, London, England, Mrs. Robeson furnished the following travel itinerary for herself and her husband since July 11, 1958:

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|----|----------|
| England | 7-11-58 | to | 8-15-58 |
| USSR | 8-15-58 | to | 9-15-58 |
| England | 9-15-58 | to | 12-30-58 |
| USSR | 12-30-58 | to | 3-9-59 |
| England | 3-9-59 | to | 6-10-59 |
| Czechoslovakia | 6-10-59 | to | 6-12-59 |
| England | 6-12-59 | to | 8-1-59 |

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RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON; ESLANDA ROBESON

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----|---------|
| Austria | 8-1-59 | to | 8-4-59 |
| England | 8-4-59 | to | 8-20-59 |
| Roumania | 8-20-59 | to | 8-24-59 |
| England | 8-24-59 | to | 9-4-59 |
| France | 9-4-59 | to | 9-5-59 |
| England | 9-5-59 | to | 1-18-60 |
| USSR | 1-18-60 | to | 2-7-60 |
| England | 2-7-60 | to | 6-18-60 |
| Germany | 6-18-60 | to | 6-20-60 |
| England | 6-20-60 | to | 9-2-60 |
| France | 9-2-60 | to | 9-6-60 |
| England | 9-6-60 | to | 9-9-60 |
| Budapest | 9-9-60 | to | 9-15-60 |
| England | 9-15-60 | to | 10-4-60 |
| Germany | 10-4-60 | to | 10-8-60 |
| Australia and New Zealand Tour | 10-10-60 | to | 12-6-60 |
| England | 12-6-60 | to | 3-15-61 |
| USSR | 3-15-61 | to | 6-10-61 |
| England | 6-10-61 | to | 6-24-61 |
| USSR | 6-24-61 | to | 9-12-61 |
| England | 9-12-61 | to | present |

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/31/62

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FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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(Bufile 100-12304)
(NYfile 100-25857)
(WFOfile 100-19021) (RVC)
(OO:NY)

ESLANDA⁽¹⁾ ROBESON
SM - C
(Bufile 100-399388)
(NYfile 100-56680)
(WFOfile 100-41052) (RVC)
(OO:NY)

ReWFOlet and LHM dated 8/24/62.

There are forwarded herewith eight copies to the Bureau and four copies to New York of a LHM setting forth the passport numbers and dates of issue for the captioned subjects.

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File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
August 31, 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ESLANDA ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

On August 24, 1962, [REDACTED] b7c
Security Branch, Legal Division, Passport Office, United
States Department of State, advised as follows:

On July 24, 1962 Passport Number Z162475 was issued
to Eslanda Robeson by the American Embassy, London, England.
On August 13, 1962, the same Embassy issued Passport Number
Z162860 to Paul Robeson.

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| REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK | OFFICE OF ORIGIN, CITY AND STATE NEW YORK | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/5/62 | 3/2 - 8/24/62 |
| TITLE OF CASE PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka | | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] | TYPED BY MXG |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C | |

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DATE **5/2/77**

REFERENCE:

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 3/6/62.
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ADMINISTRATIVE

The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure of the NYO.

Subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, NY file 100-56680, Bufile 100-12304, is carried on the SI of the NYO.

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APPROVED **[Signature]** SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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| State | 9/13/62 | 0-14 | [Signature] |
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As noted in instant report an article appeared in the London newspaper "Daily Sketch" of June 9, 1962, which indicated PAUL ROBESON was not going to accept the job offered to him at the University of Accra in Ghana.

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Concerning PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON's applications for renewals of their passports, [REDACTED] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, that the subjects applications for passport facilities, by Department of State ruling, have to be referred to the Department for approval and she will advise further if and when this approval is received.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Where Located

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[REDACTED]

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NY T-2 ✓
G-2, US Army, Europe

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The following informants were contacted during August, 1962, and could furnish no information concerning subject:

[REDACTED]

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LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the U.S.
2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return.

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1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are CONFIDENTIAL current.
3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. This report is classified confidential because (state reason)

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8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____

he is not residing in the US.

9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He had publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice - President of the British -Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960 - 1961.

11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of:

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Office: NEW YORK *b7c*

Date:

September 5, 1962

Field Office File No.:

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100-12304

Title:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON have applied for renewal of their American passports, which, as yet, have not been issued.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence, State of Health
and Passport Renewal

On May 25, 1962, [REDACTED] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, that subject's wife ESLANDA ROBESON arrived at the American Embassy requesting a renewal of her United States Passport. At that time, she also made an appointment for her husband, PAUL ROBESON, to come to the Embassy and this appointment was made for May 25.

[REDACTED] advised that both passports were renewed in July, 1960, for two years and would need to be reissued in July, 1962. This was the reason prompting the appearance of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON at the Embassy.

PAUL ROBESON appeared with his wife at the Embassy on May 25 and [REDACTED] spoke briefly with him. She stated he appeared to be a very frail and subdued old man. ESLANDA ROBESON advised [REDACTED] that her husband continues to be hospitalized in a nursing home on the outskirts of London but is allowed to come in for weekends. She stated they have no travel plans at the moment and cannot make any travel plans until he is released from the hospital.

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"The Worker", dated April 24, 1962, page 2, column 2, contained an article captioned "Greetings to Robeson" as follows:

"April 9th marked the 64th birthday of one of the greatest sons our country ever produced, Paul Robeson, The Worker sends him its warmest, most heartfelt and comradely greeting.

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"Health and long life to you Paul. May the day be soon when our country will again hear your magnificent voice and witness again a superb performance such as in years past brought us to appreciate the depth of your humanism and your measure as a rounded and dedicated artist who fully understood the relation of art to the people's freedom, social progress and world peace."

Informants, who are familiar with subject and his activities were contacted during August, 1962, and could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

September 5, 1962

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Title Paul Leroy Robeson

Character Internal Security - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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LEAD:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the United States.

2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the United States upon his return.

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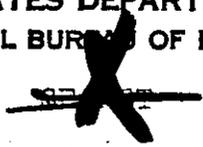
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 2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
 3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
 5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
 6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
 7. This report is classified Secret because (state reason) _____
the information furnished by the State Department concerning the subject's passport review was classified as Secret.
 8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
he is not residing in the United States.
 9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
 10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____
- ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He had publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960-1961.
11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Report of:

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Office:

New York, New York

Date:

11/9/62

Field Office File No.:

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Bureau File No. 100-12304

Title:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

PAUL ROBESON and his wife ESLANDA ROBESON applied for renewal of their American passports in London, England, and were issued these passports on 8/13/62, and 7/24/62, respectively. (S)(u) - P* -

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Passport Renewal

The passport file for PAUL LEROY ROBESON was reviewed on 8/7/62 by Special Agent (SA) [Redacted] and contained the following:

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On May 25, 1962, at London, England, ROBESON made an application for a passport. In this application he stated he had previously been issued Passport Number 1145187 on June 25, 1958, at Washington, D.C., and this passport had been renewed in London, England, on June 26, 1960. He stated he was born April 9, 1898 at Princeton, New Jersey and was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London, W 2, England. His parents were listed as ~~WILLIAM D. ROBESON~~ born in North Carolina and ~~MARIA LOUISA WESTILL~~ born in Pennsylvania. He was last married on August 17, 1941 to ~~ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON~~ who was born December 15, 1896, at Washington, D. C. In his application ROBESON stated he intended to remain abroad indefinitely but had no plans to travel outside of England because of his poor health. In connection with his passport application ROBESON submitted a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

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"I, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, am not now a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, and that I have not been a member at any time during the twelve (12) months preceding May 25, 1962, the date of my application for a passport."

The following descriptive data appeared in ROBESON's passport file:

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| Height: | 6'2" |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Hair: | Black-grey |
| Marks: | None |
| Occupation: | Singer and actor |

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On August 24, 1962, The United States Department of State furnished information that on July 24, 1962, passport number Z162475 was issued to ESLANDA ROBESON by the

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American Embassy, London, England, and on August 13, 1962, the same Embassy issued passport number Z162860 to PAUL ROBESON.

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In connection with the passport applications of Mr. and Mrs. ROBESON and at the request of the American Embassy, London, England, Mrs. ROBESON furnished the following travel itinerary for herself and her husband since July 11, 1958:

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----|----------|---------------------|
| England | 7/11/58 | to | 8/15/58 | |
| USSR | 8/15/58 | to | 9/15/58 | |
| England | 9/15/58 | to | 12/30/58 | |
| USSR | 12/30/58 | to | 3/9/59 | (Ill in hospital) * |
| England | 3/9/59 | to | 6/10/59 | |
| Czechoslovakia | 6/10/59 | to | 6/12/59 | |
| England | 6/12/59 | to | 8/1/59 | |
| Austria | 8/1/59 | to | 8/4/59 | |
| England | 8/4/59 | to | 8/20/59 | |
| Roumania | 8/20/59 | to | 8/24/59 | |
| England | 8/24/59 | to | 9/4/59 | |
| France | 9/4/59 | to | 9/5/59 | |
| England | 9/5/59 | to | 1/18/60 | |
| USSR | 1/18/60 | to | 2/7/60 | |
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| Australia and New Zealand Tour | 10/10/60 | to | 12/6/60 | |
| England | 12/6/60 | to | 3/15/61 | |
| USSR | 3/15/61 | to | 6/10/61 | (Ill in hospital) * |
| England | 6/10/61 | to | 6/24/61 | |

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| USSR | 6/24/61 | to | 9/12/61 | (Ill in hospital) * |
| England | 9/12/61 | to | present | (Ill in nursing home but much better now) * |

* Ill in hospital apparently refers to illness of PAUL ROBESON.

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This information will also be reported in the ROBESON file in the next communication on that file, directed to the Bureau. (u)

As there are no further leads outstanding in the DU BOIS case at this time, it is being placed in an RUC status subject to reopening upon receipt of additional information. (u)

A copy of this communication is also being sent to Legat, Bern, for information. (u)

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| TITLE OF CASE ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON aka | | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] | TYPED BY CWW |
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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/14/61.

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Subject's husband, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a Key Figure of the NYO, (NY file 100-25857; Bufile 100-12304).

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

Location

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The following informants were contacted during August - Spetember, 1962, and could furnish no information concerning the subject:

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- 1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
- 2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
- 3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
- 4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
- 5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
- 6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
- 7. This report is classified "~~Secret~~" because (state reason) _____ because information furnished by the State Department concerning subject's passport review was classified "Secret".
- 8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____ her residence in England. (u)
- 9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
- 10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____ maintains her association with Communist front organizations and pro-Communist articles written under her name have appeared in "The Worker".
- 11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.:

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Title:

ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON applied for renewal of their American passports, which were issued on 7/24/62 and 8/13/62 respectively. Subject's name listed as Board Member of the NCASF.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Passport Renewal

[REDACTED] (S)

On May 25, 1962, [REDACTED] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, that subject, the wife of PAUL ROBESON, arrived at the American Embassy requesting a renewal of her United States passport. At that time, she also made an appointment for her husband, PAUL ROBESON, to come to the Embassy and this appointment was made for May 25. (S)

[REDACTED] advised that both passports were renewed in July, 1960, for two years and would need to be reissued in July, 1962. This was the reason prompting the appearance of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON at the Embassy.

PAUL ROBESON appeared with his wife at the Embassy on May 25 and [REDACTED] spoke briefly with him. She stated he appeared to be a very frail and subdued old man. ESLANDA ROBESON advised [REDACTED] that her husband continues to be hospitalized in a nursing home on the outskirts of London, but is allowed to come in for weekends. She stated they have no travel plans at the moment and cannot make any travel plans until he is released from the hospital.

The passport file for ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON was reviewed on August 7, 1962, by SA [REDACTED] and contained the following:

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Mrs. ROBESON made application for a passport at London, England, on May 15, 1962. In this application she stated she had previously been issued passport number 1104293 at New York City on July 7, 1958, which passport was renewed at London, England, on May 17, 1960. She stated she was born December 15, 1896, at Washington, D.C. She stated she was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. She listed her parents as JOHN JACOB GOODE born in Illinois, and ESLANDA CARDOZA GOODE born in South Carolina, both deceased. (S)(u)

Mrs. ROBESON stated she had no plans to travel outside of England, but intended to remain abroad indefinitely. (S)(u)

In connection with her passport application, Mrs. ROBESON furnished a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

"Referring to the letter from the American Embassy of July 10, 1962 I hereby state categorically and without any reservations whatsoever, that I am not now, and have never been, in all my life, a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, or in any other country. NEVER!" (S)(u)

The following descriptive data appeared in Mrs. ROBESON's passport file:

| | |
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| Height: | 5'3" |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Hair: | Black-grey |
| Marks: | None |
| Occupation: | Writer |

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In connection with the passport applications of Mr. and Mrs. ROBESON and at the request of the American Embassy,

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London, England, Mrs. ROBESON furnished the following travel itinerary for herself and her husband since July 11, 1958:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|----|--|
| England | July 11, 1958 | to | August 15, 1958 |
| USSR | August 15, 1958 | to | September 15, 1958 |
| England | September 15, 1958 | to | December 30, 1958 |
| USSR | December 30, 1958 | to | March 9, 1959 (Ill in Hospital) |
| England | March 9, 1959 | to | June 10, 1959 |
| Czechoslovakia | June 10, 1959 | to | June 12, 1959 |
| England | June 12, 1959 | to | August 1, 1959 |
| Austria | August 1, 1959 | to | August 4, 1959 |
| England | August 4, 1959 | to | August 20, 1959 |
| Roumania | August 20, 1959 | to | August 24, 1959 |
| England | August 24, 1959 | to | September 4, 1959 |
| France | September 4, 1959 | to | September 5, 1959 |
| England | September 5, 1959 | to | January 18, 1960 |
| USSR | January 18, 1960 | to | February 7, 1960 |
| England | February 7, 1960 | to | June 18, 1960 |
| Germany | June 18, 1960 | to | June 20, 1960 |
| England | June 20, 1960 | to | September 2, 1960 |
| France | September 2, 1960 | to | September 6, 1960 |
| England | September 6, 1960 | to | September 9, 1960 |
| Budapest | September 9, 1960 | to | September 15, 1960 |
| England | September 15, 1960 | to | October 4, 1960 |
| Germany | October 4, 1960 | to | October 8, 1960 |
| Austria and New Zealand Tour | October 10, 1960 | to | December 6, 1960 |
| England | December 6, 1960 | to | March 15, 1961 |
| USSR | March 15, 1961 | to | June 10, 1961 (Ill in Hospital) |
| England | June 10, 1961 | to | June 24, 1961 |
| USSR | June 24, 1961 | to | September 12, 1961 (Ill in Hospital) |
| England | September 12, 1961 | to | Present (Ill in nursing home, but much better now) |

* Illness in hospital apparently refers to illness of PAUL ROBESON.

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On August 24, 1962, the United States Department of State furnished information that on July 24, 1962, passport number Z162475 was issued to ESLANDA ROBESON by the American Embassy, London, England, and on August 13, 1962, the same Embassy issued passport number Z162860 to PAUL ROBESON.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Sympathies

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated (NCASF)

[REDACTED] Charities Registration Bureau, New York State Department of Social Welfare, Albany, New York, made available to SA ROBERT E. MARGISON on March 19, 1962, the Registration Statement for the NCASF. The Registration Statement set forth the board members of the NCASF and included among the board members was Mrs. ESLANDA G. ROBESON. b7c

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

B. Miscellaneous

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Informants of the New York Office, who are familiar with CP activities in the New York area were contacted and could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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New York, New York
November 13, 1962

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New York 100-56680

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Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as
above at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 11/28/62

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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ESLANDA ROBESON
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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 11/9/62 at NY
and NYlet to Bureau dated 8/10/62. (u) b7c

In passport application dated May 26, 1962, in London, England, both PAUL ROBESON and ESLANDA ROBESON stated they were currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W2, England. They resided at this address when not traveling abroad. Above subjects have not resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC since 1958. They indicated in their last passport application that they intended to remain abroad indefinitely. FD 122's accordingly are being forwarded to the Bureau changing residence for above subjects to the London address. (u)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON is being deleted from the key figure list NYO for the following reasons: (u)

1. Status of Health

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- 1 - New York (100-56689) (ESLANDA ROBESON) (412)
- 1 - New York (100-25857)

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2. Activity

There is no information in PAUL ROBESON's file which indicates any present membership or continuous past membership in the CP. In his passport application dated May 25, 1962, PAUL ROBESON submitted a sworn affidavit in which he declared he was then or had not been a member of the CP at any time during the preceding 12 months. There is no information to indicate that PAUL ROBESON has engaged in activity on behalf of the CP since early in 1961. (u)

The NY file on PAUL ROBESON is being placed in a closed status. Consideration will be given to reinstating him on the key figure list if and when he resumes activity on behalf of the CP. Both PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON are on the SI, NYO. ESLANDA ROBESON's file is currently maintained in a closed status. (u)

SEE ALSO 100-428091-2403
RE ROBESON'S DENUNCIATION
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- 1 - Mr. Fachner
- 1 - Mr. Rosack

To: SAC, Chicago (100-32864)

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From: Director, FBI (100-3-104-9)

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ReCClet 12/21/62 captioned [redacted] (C)
 IS - C; ISA of 1950" wherein information is set forth in
 paragraph 2, page 2, that an article had appeared "in a scandal
 sheet type paper called the 'National Insider,'" purportedly
 written by Paul Robeson concerning Robeson's breaking with the
 Communist Party. This information was furnished by [redacted] (C)

Chicago immediately attempt to obtain a copy of this
 article for submission to the Bureau for possible use under the
 Counterintelligence Program. Chicago also advise whether addi-
 tional copies can be obtained. Include any recommendations
 concerning the use of this article. Handle expeditiously.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Paul Robeson is an internationally known apologist for
 the CP. He is hospitalized in London, England [redacted]

The use of this article in a Counterintelligence Program could have
 a devastating effect upon CP members of the Negro race. Upon
 receipt, the article will be reviewed and, if appropriate, suitable
 recommendations will be made. Referenced Chicago letter is filed
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Legal Attache, London

January 7, 1963

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- 1 - Mr. Rachner
- 1 - Mr. Ware
- 1 - Mr. Rosack

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Information has been received by the Bureau indicating that a story had appeared in "the scandal sheet type paper called the 'National Insider'" purportedly written by Paul Robeson indicating how Robeson had broken with the Communist Party (CP). Efforts are currently being made to obtain a copy of this article.

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You should advise the Bureau by return mail whether any information has come to your attention indicating that Robeson has made public or private statements indicating that he was breaking with the CP. You should also advise whether any articles have appeared in London publications concerning this matter. In the event such articles have appeared, copies should be furnished to the Bureau.

This matter should be handled expeditiously.

1 - London (100-1182) (Paul Robeson)

1 - 100-12304 (Paul Robeson)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Paul Leroy Robeson is an internationally known apologist for the CP who is hospitalized in London, England.

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Information concerning Robeson's breaking with the CP could have a devastating effect upon CP members of the Negro race and the public source information concerning this matter is being sought for utilization under this program. Information set forth concerning the "National Insider" article is filed in 100-108-1045 and was furnished by [REDACTED]

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

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PAUL LE ROY

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The Bureau will be further advised.

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